Thursday, June 9
Opening Ceremonies took place at the University Club, University of Saskatchewan, beginning with delicious appetizers, wine and punch. The local organizing committee consisted of Ruth Robinson (Individual Member), Lori Isinger (President, PCW Saskatchewan), and Patricia Leson (member of Prince Albert Council of Women). Ms Isinger was the MC and spoke about the Saskatchewan Councils of Women. Nadine Wilson, MLA for Saskatchewan Rivers spoke on behalf of Premier Wall and Ann Iwanchuk, Saskatoon City Councillor spoke on behalf of Mayor Don Atchison. NCWC President, Karen Dempsey, also addressed the assembly.

The NCWC Development Organization Board met after the opening ceremonies, at the hotel.

Friday, June 10
The NCWC President met over breakfast with the Local Council, Provincial Council and Study Group Presidents.

The first plenary session began at 9:10 a.m. chaired by the President, Karen Dempsey. VP of the session was Sandra Cohen-Rose. We began with a moment of silence. The President introduced new faces, Beryl Matthewson from Vancouver, Shirley Gyles from Montreal, Betty Raine from New Westminster and Aster Abraham from Winnipeg.


Letters of greeting were received from all levels of government. Highlights of the Standing Rules were read by the President.

Motion #1 That the Standing Rules for the meeting be adopted as read.
Moved by: Sheila Pepper Seconded by: Edeltraud Neal Carried

The Credentials Count was taken: Individual and Student Members – 4, Life Members – 11, Board, Conveners and Study Groups – 14, LCW – 9, PCW – 6, NOS – 2 for a total vote count of 238.

Changes to the agenda: for Thursday delete VP of session Barbara Hall; include the VP of the second plenary session as Barbara Hall; insert motion to accept emerging issue resolutions; the In Memoriam will be led by Edeltraud Neal.

Motion #2 That the agenda be approved as amended.
Moved by: Denise Mattok Seconded by: Thelma McGillivray Carried.

Constitution Committee Report
The existing spelling of the word “convener” is with an “er” throughout the By-Laws. The new spelling will be “convenor” with an “or” throughout the By-Laws.
Rationale: The Board wishes to change the spelling of “Convener” to “Convenor”.

Motion #3 That the spelling of “convener” be changed to “convenor” throughout the By-Laws.
Moved by: Virginia Schweitzer Carried
Minutes of 2015 AGM
There was one correction – the spelling of Trish Masniuk’s name on page 1.

Motion #4 That the minutes of the 2015 AGM be accepted as corrected.
Moved by Mary Potter Carried

Reports
President Karen Dempsey added to her written report that the recipient of the Alison Hardy Memorial Bursary was Jeong Park, who is in the Bachelor of Journalism course at Carleton University. There is a new Nationally Organized Society member – The Society of Canadian Women in Science and Technology.

Druse Bryan from the Women’s Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church said that she was bothered that NCWC says it represents several federates but doesn’t get reports from them or delegates to NCWC meetings.

Denise Mattok, Archivist, reported that she was contacted by Barbara Hall, President of BC Council saying that New Westminster Council had information on NCWC such as early yearbooks and photos. Ms Mattok recommended contacting the local library and university in Councils’ towns/cities for archive storage. Mary MacLaren, past archivist, had many boxes of archives in her house that Ms Mattok collected. Trish Masniuk noted that it is important to access material when a member dies and items are being moved.

No one else had anything to add to her report.

Introduction of Emerging Issue Resolutions
Mary Potter read the rationale for both emerging issue resolutions.

Motion #5 That Support for a Basic Income Guarantee be accepted as an emerging issue resolution.
Moved by: Mary Potter Carried

Motion #6 That 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development be accepted as an emerging issue resolution.
Moved by: Mary Potter Carried

The President made some announcements: sign the sheet if members want a ride to the Forestry Farm; everyone got a coin celebrating 100 years of women getting the vote; lunch will be the buffet in the main dining room.

Treasurer’s Report
The treasurer, Stephanie Courneyea, is not present and will be resigning as treasurer. Last year members were asked for approval to withdraw up to $18,000 from the Reserve Fund for operating expenses but NCWC needed to withdraw only $6000 for the past year. NCWC made just under $5000 in investments this year. The budgeted projected deficit is $7500 for the coming year. The name of the Foundation Fund should be changed to the Reserve Fund. Insurance is lower for the coming year because as a member of Volunteer Canada NCWC was offered a new commercial/ liability insurance. Note spelling of Alison Hardy. Telephone and Internet costs are folded into Karen Dempsey’s personal account.
C. Schweitzer noted that the changes to the By-Laws passed at the 2015 AGM & Conference included the changing of the works “Foundation Fund” to “Reserve Fund”.

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Note: Karen Dempsey moved Motions 7, 8, 9 & 12 on behalf of the Finance Committee.

Motion #7  To accept the financial statements.
Moved by: Karen Dempsey  Carried

Motion #8  To accept the accounting firm of Robert Montgomery for the Financial Review for the next year.
Moved by: Karen Dempsey  Carried

Motion #9  To accept the budget for 2016-17.
Moved by Karen Dempsey  Carried

Motion #10  To raise the membership dues as of April 1, 2017 as follows:
LCWs and PCWs - $90 base fee plus $9 per federate
Individual Members - $150
Moved by: Barbara Hall  Seconded by: Florence Erwin

Discussion was postponed until after refreshment break.
VP Administration, Patricia Leson, spoke of a draw with tickets priced at 3 for $5. The prizes are a gift basket and a set of earrings. There are gifts for all who purchase tickets.

Discussion about increasing the fees resumed.

Motion #11  That the motion be divided into two parts.
Moved by: Carla Kozak  Seconded by: Gracia Janes  Carried

Motion 10a)  That the membership dues for LCWs and PCWs be raised to $90 base fee and $9 per federate as of April 1, 2017.  Carried

Motion 10b)  That the membership dues for Individual Members be raised to $150.  Defeated
Abstention: Ottawa Council

Motion #12  That the Board be given the authority to borrow up to $7500 from the Reserve Fund if there is a deficit in the Operating Fund.
Moved by: Karen Dempsey  Carried

Motion #13  To accept the actions of the Board over the past year.
Moved by: Pat Leson  Seconded by: Denise Mattok  Carried

Motion #14  To accept the reports in the docket.
Moved by: Carol Schweitzer  Seconded by: Carla Kozak  Carried

Motion #15  That the National Council of Women of Canada retain the traditional “Whereas/Therefore” resolution format.
Moved by: Gracia Janes  Seconded by: Edeltraud Neal
Ms Janes handed out copies of the resolution with her rationale for keeping the traditional format while at the same time using “plain language” in the wording of resolutions and the item was tabled to Saturday to give people time to read it.
Resolutions Debate
Mary Potter, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, chaired the resolutions debate. She went over the standing rules pertaining to resolutions and read the resolved clauses to introduce each resolution.
Note: Mary Potter moved each resolution on behalf of the Resolutions Committee.

#1 Better Quality and Cruelty Free Meat
Motion #16 That Whereas #2 be deleted.
Moved by: Jane Hanlon Seconded by: Thelma McGillivray Carried
This necessitated changing the title to Cruelty Free Meat.

Motion #17 That Resolution #1 be approved as amended.
Moved by Mary Potter Carried

Motion #18 That NCWC reiterate Policy 2013.2, dealing with the human health benefits of eliminating unnecessary antibiotics and growth hormones from the food chain.
Moved by: Carla Kozak Seconded by: Sheila Pepper Carried

#2 National Dementia Strategy

Motion #19 In Resolved #2 Delete “those persons” and insert multidisciplinary teams and before “dementia” insert persons with
Moved by: Jeannette Logan Seconded by: Druse Bryan Carried

Motion #20 That Resolution #2 be accepted as amended.
Moved by: Mary Potter Carried

#2 NATIONAL DEMENTIA STRATEGY

Whereas #1 an estimated 747,000 Canadians live with dementia and that number is expected to rise to 1.4 million by 2031; and

Whereas #2 dementia is expected to cost the Canadian economy $293 billion by 2040; and

Whereas #3 provincially-designed policies and programs have led to gaps in how dementia is dealt with across the country; and

Whereas #4 currently, the federal government is investing in dementia but concentrating on research only; therefore be it

Resolved #1 that the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) adopt as policy that Canada have a National Dementia Strategy; and be it further

Resolved #2 that NCWC urge the Government of Canada to develop a National Dementia Strategy in conjunction with the provinces and territories and the relevant organizations to include:

a. early diagnosis, treatment and prevention;
b. research;
c. a continuum of care to persons with dementia whether in the home, the community or in an institution;
d. support for caregivers; and
education and training for the multidisciplinary teams working with persons with dementia.

#3 Microplastic Fibres and Pellets in Bodies of Water

Motion #21 That “reduction” be changed to elimination in Resolved #1 and #2
Moved by: Jane Hanlon Seconded by Gracia Janes

Motion #22 That Resolution #3 be tabled and the Resolutions Committee rework it and bring it back.
Moved by: Carol Schweitzer Seconded by: Randi Gage Carried

NCWCDO Lunch and AGM
After a buffet lunch, Carol Schweitzer, Chair of the Development Organization introduced the speaker, Johanna Bergerman, of the Saskatoon Mothers’ Centre. The women who attend the “Mothers and Kids Cooking Together” project have incomes below the poverty line; many of the women who attend are Aboriginal but there are also Muslims, etc. Other programs offered by the Centre include parenting resources, mental health, food security, sewing contracts, cooking circle, book club and breast feeding peer support.

At the AGM it was revealed that the Saskatoon Mothers’ Circle project and the Konvalia Project which provides education to women and school children about abuse and provides services for victims of abuse in the Ukraine would each receive $1000.

Second Plenary Session
The Second Plenary Session began at 2:00 p.m. with Barbara Hall as VP of Session.
The credentials count was as follows: Individual and Student Members – 3, Life Members – 11, Convenors and Study Group – 14, LCW – 9, PCW – 5, NOS – 2 for a total vote count of 227.

Resolutions discussion continued.

#4 Wireless Communication – Most Recent Research on Possible Health Consequences to Humans

Motion #23 That after “health consequences” insert to humans in Resolved #1, #2 and #3.
Moved by: Jeannette Logan Seconded by: Edeltraud Neal Carried

Motion #24 Remove “excessive” in Resolved #3
Moved by: Jeannette Logan Seconded by: Edeltraud Neal Carried

Motion #25 In Resolved #3 delete “potential” and insert possible.
Moved by: Jeannette Logan Seconded by: Sandra Cohen-Rose Carried

Motion #26 That Resolution #4 be tabled and brought back by the Resolutions Committee to include non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation throughout the resolution.
Moved by: Randi Gage Seconded by: Carol Schweitzer Carried

#5 Paid Internships

Motion #27 That Resolution #5 be accepted.
Moved by: Mary Potter Carried

#5 PAID INTERNSHIPS

Whereas #1 professional training programs are potentially prohibitive in tuition, books and tools, and in living expenses for the duration of the learning experience; and

Whereas #2 numerous professions require field experience, which can last several months or even years for which the trainee pays tuition fees; and

Whereas #3 the interns are tasked with increasingly challenging responsibilities which provide real service to the field office setting; and

Whereas #4 labour legislation related to professional internships differs from province to province, creating a patchwork of different rules across the country; therefore be it

Resolved #1 that the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) adopt as policy that internship work experience contributing to the orientation of a new practitioner to a practice setting be remunerated at no less than the respective provincial or territorial minimum wage level established in the province and territories where the internship is taking place; and be it further

Resolved #2 that NCWC urge the Government of Canada to review and update the Canada Labour Code, to require the remuneration of internships related to professional certification and experience; and be it further

Resolved #3 that Provincial Councils and federates urge their respective governments to include in the provincial or territorial labour legislation that interns practicing professional skills and competencies be remunerated at no less than the respective minimum wage level determined by the province or territory where the internship is taking place.

#6 The Right to Potable Water on First Nations Reserves

Editorial Correction: The Canadian Government has not ratified the right to water. So Whereas #2 should be deleted.

Motion #28 After "utilized" insert in an accountable manner.
Moved by: Druse Bryan Seconded by: Carol Schweitzer Carried

Motion #29 Extend the discussion of Resolution #6 by 10 minutes.
Moved by: Carol Schweitzer Seconded by: Jane Hanlon Carried

Motion #30 That Resolution #6 be approved as amended.
Moved by: Mary Potter Carried

#6 THE RIGHT TO POTABLE WATER ON FIRST NATIONS RESERVES

Whereas #1 according to the United Nations, “safe and clean drinking water” is a “human right that is essential for the full enjoyment of life and all human rights”; and
Whereas #2 the *Constitution Act* mandates that the Federal Government provide “essential services of reasonable quality to all Canadians”; and

Whereas #3 100 percent of urban Canadian residents and 99 percent of rural Canadian residents have access to potable water, and the 1 percent of rural Canadian residents that lack access to potable water are predominantly Canadians living on reserves; and

Whereas #4 there were 142 Drinking Water Advisories in effect in 96 First Nations communities across Canada, excluding British Columbia, as of August 31, 2015; therefore be it

Resolved #1 that the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) adopt as policy that although all Canadians have a basic human right to potable water, the Government of Canada has treaty obligations to First Nations communities and an urgent and specific responsibility to secure access to potable water to the residents of all First Nations reserves; and be it further

Resolved #2 that NCWC urge the Government of Canada to immediately allocate sufficient funding to provide access to potable water on all First Nations reserves within the next ten years; and be it further

Resolved #3 that NCWC urge the Government of Canada in consultation with the communities, immediately develop five-year and ten-year plans of action to ensure that the allocated funds are utilized in an accountable manner to create sustainable solutions for accessible potable water including education and maintenance of systems by people in the communities.

The President asked everyone to meet in the front lobby at 4:30 for rides to the Forestry Farm.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM.

We had dinner at the Forestry Farm and Zoo, a National Historic Site. Bernadette Vangool, member of the Friends of the Forestry Farm House Board, spoke on the history of the farm.

**Saturday, June 11**

The President called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. She thanked the Saskatoon Council for a wonderful night last night, saying that it was a great presentation and meal. The meeting opened with a moment of silence.

There will be a Ukrainian luncheon for the Education Fund meeting.

VP of session was Jeannette Logan.

Credentials Count: Individual and Student Members – 4, Life Members – 10, Board, Conveners and Study Group – 13, LCW – 9, PCW – 6, NOS – 2 for a total vote count of 229.

Resolved #1 that the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) adopt as policy a. the elimination of microplastic fibres and pellets entering bodies of water
b. reduction of microplastic fibres and pellets currently in bodies of water.

Resolved #2 that NCWC urge the Government of Canada to support industry, universities and governments
a. to investigate the presence and removal of microplastic fibre and pellet residues in bodies of water and
b. to seek solutions to eliminate the release of microplastic residues from known sources and reduce microplastic residues currently in bodies of water.

Motion #31 To approve Resolution #3 as amended.
Moved by: Mary Potter Carried Abstention: PCW Saskatchewan

#3 MICROPLASTIC FIBRES AND PELLETS IN BODIES OF WATER

Whereas #1 microplastics are becoming abundant in water bodies due to wastewater from domestic washing machines in the washing of synthetic garments and pellets in personal care products; and

Whereas #2 aquatic organisms ingest these microplastics and they make their way up the food chain; and

Whereas #3 toxic organic compounds adsorb to the surface of microplastics and can be transferred to sediments and consumers; therefore be it

Resolved #1 that the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) adopt as policy
a. the elimination of microplastic fibres and pellets entering bodies of water
b. the reduction of microplastic fibres and pellets currently in bodies of water

Resolved #2 that NCWC urge the Government of Canada to support industry, universities and governments
a. to investigate the presence and removal of microplastic fibre and pellet residues in bodies of water and
b. to seek solutions to eliminate the release of microplastic residues from known sources and reduce microplastic residues currently in bodies of water; and be it further

Resolved #3 that NCWC urge the Government of Canada to support communication campaigns to raise awareness about the effects of microplastic fibres and pellets in bodies of water.

#4 Wireless Communication – Possible Health Consequences to Humans

Motion #32 Change "radiation" to radio waves
Moved by: Jeannette Logan Seconded by: Carol Schweitzer Defeated

Changes suggested by the Resolutions Committee are:

Change the title to: Non-ionizing Electromagnetic Radiation – Possible Health Consequences to Humans
Resolved #1 that the National Council of Women (NCWC) adopt as policy that Canadians be kept informed of the most recent research on the possible health consequences to humans posed by non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation including by wireless communication use, especially by children; and be it further

Editorial changes: Delete “use” after “wireless communication”, and change “by children” to on children

Resolved #2 that NCWC urge the Government of Canada to keep Canadians informed of the most recent research on possible health consequences to humans posed by non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation by wireless communication especially on children, and regulate as required; and be it further

Resolved #3 that the NCWC urge its members, Provincial, and Local Councils and federates to urge their respective governments to inform and educate the public of the possible health consequences to humans posed by non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation, including by wireless communication, especially on children.

Motion #33 That the amendments to Resolution #4 be approved
Moved by: Mary Potter Carried

Motion #34 That Resolution #4 be approved as amended.
Moved by: Mary Potter Carried
Abstention: Randi Gage & LCW Winnipeg

#4 NON-IONIZING ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION – POSSIBLE HEALTH CONSEQUENCES TO HUMANS

Whereas #1 While Canadians are familiar with the hazard posed by ionizing electromagnetic radiation such as x-rays, they are less knowledgeable about the possible hazard posed by non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation (EMR) such as that emanating from microwave ovens, cell phone towers, and Wi-Fi antennas; and

Whereas #2 Canadians were unknowingly exposed to ionizing radiation of x-rays in the past and are now participating in the unprecedented cell phone use by adults and children; and

Whereas #3 children’s brains may be more susceptible to the effects (nerve stimulation and tissue heating) of the electromagnetic energy absorbed when the phone is held next to the head; therefore be it

Resolved #1 that the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) adopt as policy that Canadians be kept informed of the most recent research on the possible health consequences to humans posed by non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation including by wireless communication, especially on children; and be it further

Resolved #2 that the NCWC urge the Government of Canada to keep Canadians informed of the most recent research on possible health consequences to humans posed by
non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation including by wireless communication, especially on children, and regulate as required; and be it further

**Resolved #3** that NCWC urge its members, provincial, and local councils and federates to urge their respective governments to inform and educate the public of the possible health consequences to humans posed by non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation including by wireless communication, especially on children.

**#7 Updated and Adequately-Funded National HIV/AIDS Strategy**

Motion #35  That Resolution #7 be accepted.
Moved by: Mary Potter   Carried

**#7 UPDATED AND ADEQUATELY-FUNDED NATIONAL HIV/AIDS STRATEGY**

**Whereas #1** more than 30 years after the first case was diagnosed, HIV/AIDS is still with us and despite progress in both prevention and treatment, it remains a serious cause of morbidity, mortality and economic and social disruption; and

**Whereas #2** currently, there is neither a cure for AIDS nor a vaccine to prevent new infections; and

**Whereas #3** a 2005 Canada–wide consultation with all sectors of the HIV/AIDS community involved in AIDS prevention, treatment and community support, developed a national ‘Leading Together’ strategy, which was updated in 2013; and

**Whereas #4** the Government of Canada’s HIV/AIDS strategy is now more than a decade old, is not informed by the most recent scientific breakthroughs, and has never been adequately funded; therefore be it

**Resolved #1** that the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) adopt as policy support for an updated and adequately funded Federal strategy on HIV/AIDS; and be it further

**Resolved #2** that NCWC urge the Government of Canada to:

   a. update its HIV/AIDS strategy, building on the 2013 Leading Together Strategy, using the latest scientific research
   b. provide adequate funding for front-line services, education and programs that offer HIV/AIDS prevention and provide care, treatment and support to people living with HIV/AIDS and their families and communities.

**Update #1 Cessation of the Use of Solitary Confinement in Federal Penitentiaries**

Motion #36  Delete in Resolved #1 “for undue lengths of time”.
Moved by: Gracia Janes   Seconded by Carla Kozak   Carried

Editorial correction – delete “ensure” and insert that there be

Motion #37  That Resolution Update #1 be approved as amended.
Moved by: Mary Potter   Carried
UPDATE #1  CESSATION OF THE USE OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IN FEDERAL PENITENTIARIES

Whereas #1 in 2011 the National Council of Women of Canada adopted as policy that Canada’s penal system be based on:

a. a rehabilitation model including probation, sentencing treatment and parole of prisoners which takes into account not only community safety but also the rehabilitation of offenders;
b. appropriate facilities for mentally ill offenders, both male and female;
c. alternative approaches to sentencing which not only protect the community but also work towards the rehabilitation and more positive outcomes for offenders; and
d. work with other levels of government to ensure that poverty reduction strategies as well as community programs for the support of at-risk families and youth are in place.

Whereas #2 international treaty bodies and human rights experts consider solitary confinement, which dehumanizes a person, to be a form of torture and many jurisdictions, including Ontario, are moving away from its use; and

Whereas #3 solitary confinement of inmates over undue lengths of time is being used as a disciplinary tool in federal penitentiaries, and the steadily increasing numbers of prisoners due to changes in federal laws has caused over-crowding of these facilities, which has exacerbated the situation; and

Whereas #4 persons with mental health challenges are particularly at risk of self harm and suicide; therefore be it

Resolved #1 that the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) adopt as further policy that solitary confinement of inmates not be used as a disciplinary tool in federal penitentiaries and that there be sufficient, independent, secure facilities for persons with mental health issues; and be it further

Resolved #2 that NCWC urge the Government of Canada to cease using solitary confinement as a disciplinary method in federal penitentiaries and ensure sufficient, independent, secure facilities for persons with mental health issues.

EI #1 Support for a Basic Income Guarantee
Editorial correction – insert guarantee after “income” in Resolved #2

Motion #38 In Resolved #1 and #2 insert at end while maintaining support programs for those who are in need, for their social security. Moved by: Thelma McGillivray Seconded by: Gracia Janes Defeated

Motion #39 That the time for discussion on EI #1 be extended a further 10 minutes. Moved by: Edeltraud Neal Seconded by: Sheila Pepper Carried

Motion #40 That EI #1 be approved. Moved by: Mary Potter Carried
Abstentions: PCW Saskatchewan, LCW Saskatoon, LCW Prince Albert
EI#1 Support for a Basic Income Guarantee

Whereas #1 income insecurity and poverty in Canada continue to grow as, social assistance rates across Canada fall far short of income adequacy, precarious employment rises steadily, with automation and artificial intelligence playing an increased role, and working full time no longer provides assurance of living above the poverty line; and

Whereas #2 investments in a basic income guarantee program have proven to help alleviate poverty, support people in their efforts to participate in the economy, decrease societal costs, improve educational outcomes and improve the quality of life and sense of dignity, for individuals, families and children; and

Whereas #3 existing income supplement programs such as the Old Age Security and Canada Child Benefit have proven to help reduce poverty significantly; and

Whereas #4 the federal and some provincial governments are currently very interested in the use and outcomes of basic income guarantee programs, and Ontario’s has committed to undertake a basic income pilot project; therefore be it

Resolved #1 that the National Council of Women of Canada adopt as policy support for a national basic income guarantee program; and be it further

Resolved #2 that the National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to work with the provinces and territories to consider, investigate and develop a national basic income guarantee program.

EI #2 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Motion # 41 In Resolved #1,2, and 3 before “implementation” insert education and

Moved by: Chrissy Halliday  Seconded by: Jeannette Logan  Carried

Motion #42 That EI #2 be approved as amended.

Moved by: Mary Potter  Carried

EI#2 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Whereas #1 the agenda for the Millennium Development Goals expired on Dec 31, 2015, and more work still needs to be done to achieve these; and

Whereas # 2 much progress was made on these goals, but, for example, while the goal to eliminate poverty saw improvements worldwide, some people were left behind; and

Whereas #3 members of the United Nations agreed in September 2015 to adopt a new set of goals for 2030, called the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) or the Global Goals, a shared agenda to end poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and protect the planet; and

Whereas #4 it was appreciated by Millennium Goal experts that future improvements need to be sustainable, and that involving more women in the consultation, planning and decision-making stages, as well as implementation and monitoring, would lead to greater success; be it resolved
Resolved #1  that the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) adopt as policy support for the education of the public and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Goals; and be it further

Resolved #2  that NCWC urge the Government of Canada to develop national plans for the education of the public and implementation of all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with some urgency; and be it further

Resolved #3  that NCWC urge the Government of Canada to include women at all stages of planning, decision-making, education, implementation and monitoring of Canada’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Since the President was absent due to an interview, the meeting was chaired by Jeannette Logan, VP of Session.

Gracia Janes brought forward her resolution on keeping the traditional format for resolutions. Motion #15 which was tabled on Friday.

Motion #15  That the National Council of Women of Canada retain the traditional “Whereas/Therefore” resolution format.
Moved by: Gracia Janes    Seconded by: Edeltraud Neal    Carried

NCWC Education Fund Luncheon
Ruth Robinson thanked Pat Balderich, from Community and Social Services of Saskatchewan, for helping sponsor the Education Fund program.

The keynote speaker was Hon. Ralph Goodale, Federal Minister of Public Safety. After lunch there was a panel of speakers – Bob Pringle, the Saskatchewan Advocate for Children and Youth; Shirley Henderson, Chair of the Women’s Commission of the Prince Albert Grand Council; Ken Hunter, Vice-President and Senior Advisor on Community Mobilization, Prince Albert; Dr. Marcella Ogenschuk, a professor in the Nursing Program at the University of Saskatchewan; Beulah Gana, Director of the Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Agencies.

The session ended at 3:30 PM

Banquet
The banquet on Saturday night was held in the meeting room at the hotel. The speaker was Dr. Ivar Mendez who has been instrumental in setting up a program called “Doctor in a Box” for First Responders in Northern Saskatchewan. Computers and robots are used to connect remote areas to the doctor in a more heavily populated area.

The President handed out certificates to the following people:
Ruth Robinson, Saskatoon Council, for their 100th Anniversary;
A certificate was mailed to the Ukrainian Association of Canada on the occasion of their 90th Anniversary and 80 years as a federate of NCWC;
Certificates for financial donations to NCWC – Mary Potter, Virginia Schweitzer, Carol Schweitzer, Gracia Janes, Marianne Wilkinson; and
Certificate to Randi Arnot, member of Prince Albert Council, who donated the photocopying of our docket.
The President thanked the organizing committee for all their work – Lori Isinger, Ruth Robinson and Patricia Leson.

**Sunday, June 12**
The interfaith service began around 8:30 a.m. led by Audrey Bechtel.

The Fourth Plenary Session began at 9:20 with a moment of silence. VP of session was Patricia Leson. The President announced that her interview was on Global TV last night and included shots of others with Ralph Goodale. The TV station has indicated that they want to interview Ruth Robinson on the 100th anniversary of the Saskatoon Council.

There was a draw for the basket and earrings. The basket was won by Trish Masniuk and the earrings were won by Carol Schweitzer. Everyone else who bought tickets received a gift of wild rice and honey or wild rice and hand-dipped candles.

Aster Abraham, Convenor of Citizenship, Immigration and Global Affairs, handed out a questionnaire on the World Refugee Crisis.

Trish Masniuk put forth a proposal to have a postage stamp struck to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of NCWC.

**Motion #43**
That a committee be struck, with Trish Masniuk as chair, to pursue the matter of having a stamp struck to commemorate NCWC’s 125th Anniversary.

Moved by: Edeltraud Neal  Seconded by: Gracia Janes  Carried

**Other Business**
Sheila Pepper asked that we consider advocating about the youth suicides on First Nations Reserves. Send comments to her regarding Senate revisions to Physician Assisted Death. She is concerned about roadside signs saying that life is sacred from conception to death.

Ms. Pepper also brought greetings from Ruth Brown.

**In Memoriam**
The In Memoriam was led by Edeltraud Neal. The following people were remembered:
Leonida Hudson – Ottawa Council, PCW Ontario;
Mary MacLaren – Ottawa Council, NCWC Archivist, co-editor of NCWC Year Book;
Ruth Bell - Ottawa Council, NCWC Archivist

Thelma McGillivray gave a tribute to:
Carol Canzona – London Council, Toronto Council, PCW Ontario, NCWC, Oakville & Area Study Group
Dorothy Gordon – Hamilton Council, PCW Ontario

Druse Bryan said a few words on:
Pam Rene – PCW Quebec
Roslyn Tetley – Montreal Council

Trish Masniuk offered a few words on:
Donna Mae Yeo – Winnipeg Council
Betty Raine gave tribute to:
Dorothy Beach – New Westminster Council

Courtesies
The President thanked the hosts for the AGM – Ruth Robinson, Lori Isinger, Pat Leson and Crystal Halliday along with the Boards of the Saskatoon LCW, Saskatchewan PCW and Prince Albert LCW. “It is good to work with a group that is easy to get along with”. Ruth Robinson thanked everyone for their help and apologized for the blips.

Carla Kozak auctioned the donated items and the total income came to $1063.

Motion #44 That the meeting be adjourned at 11:58 a.m.
Moved by: Randi Gage Seconded by: Carla Kozak Carried